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1. The Communist 72 Army\*, which has its headquarters in Tsingtao and is commanded by TAN Hsi-lin\*\*, allegedly totals about 100,000 men. The army is divided into three large units, which in turn are divided into three sub-units\*\*\* containing 10,000 men each.
  2. General LIU Yung, deputy commander of the 72 army, is said to be uneducated and nearly illiterate. LIU, who is 35 years old, grew up in Tsingtao and ran away to join the Communists at the age of 14.
- \*   Comment. According to information available in this office, the Chinese Communist forces have been reorganized into a block of armies which are assigned numbers from 1 to 70. No previous indication of the existence of a 72 army has been received.
- \*\*   Comment. TAN Hsi-lan has been reported as commander of the Tsingtao Garrison Headquarters.
- \*\*\*   Comment. Each Communist army normally contains three divisions; each division contains three regiments. However, the personnel complements of these units are normally much lower than the figures given above.

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